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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]  
Office of the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: [REDACTED]  
Assistant for Information to the DDA

SUBJECT: NFIB-9.1/30, 16 June 1977

REFERENCE: Your Note [REDACTED] dtd 29 June 1977, re above  
subject

1. I have consulted with the Office of Security on referenced subject and the following represents our collective feelings relating to our previously indicated concern with certain proposed exemptions to the NFIB memorandum on paragraph security markings.

2. The proposed CIA comments on the draft NFIB memorandum concerning paragraph classification requirements include recommendations that

[REDACTED]

3. Our view in this regard is based on the following observations:

a. Executive Order 11652 directs that paragraph classification

[REDACTED]

basis of impracticability but on an argument that such marking is unnecessarily duplicative and not serving a useful purpose. In our view this same rationale might be applied to any document the contents of which have a homogeneous security classification. We feel, however attractive this argument may be, it is inconsistent with the spirit of E.O. 11652.

b. In looking at the proposed exemption categories, one might argue that they have been selected for the purpose of avoiding the paragraph classification marking in the Intelligence Community. In

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STAT NOTE FOR: [REDACTED]

STAT Per Paragraph 3 of the attached, [REDACTED]  
says that you are probably the DDA classification  
officer who disagreed with the staff position.  
STAT Hank Knoche would like the benefit of your views  
before he adopts a position for CIA. [REDACTED]

STAT [REDACTED] will respond, also. [REDACTED]

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MEMORANDUM FOR: CIA Member, NFIB

VIA : Deputy Director for Intelligence

FROM :

Chief, Publications & Presentations Group/DDI

SUBJECT : CIA Comments on Draft NFIB Memorandum  
on Paragraph Security Markings

REFERENCE : NFIB-9.1/30, 16 June 1977

1. Action Requested: The attached memorandum for your signature forwards CIA comments on the referenced NFIB draft to the Executive Secretary of NFIB.

2. Background: NFIB has circulated in draft a proposed policy statement on paragraph security markings. In commenting on this draft, Agency components have recommended that the draft be modified to provide for:

- authority to grant exceptions to the requirement for paragraph markings,
- shorter abbreviations for control markings,
- the option to place all classification and control markings at the ends of paragraphs, and

3. Staff Position: Comments on the NFIB draft were solicited from all Directorates and independent staffs and offices. There is only one area of disagreement: The Office

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4. Recommendation: That the attached memorandum be signed and forwarded to the Executive Secretary of NFIB.

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Attachments:

- A - NFIB-9.1/30, 16 June 77
- B - CIA Comments on Draft NFIB Memorandum

CONCUR:

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Sayre Stevens  
Deputy Director for Intelligence

28 June 77

Date

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